area of Loni during the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985—90.

Memorandum from Scindia Employees Union, Bombay

3109. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received any memorandum from Scindia Employees Union, Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and what action has been taken on each of their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Scindia Employees Union had submitted a Memorandum to the Government of India regarding the lockout in Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited.

(b) Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited is managed by its Board of Directors. SCICI has reported that the Management of the company has not found conditions appropriate for lifting the lock out.

Pension scheme for the officers of nationalised banks

3110. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of State Bank of India are entitled to pension scheme;

(b) if so, whether the officers of other nationalsed banks are entitled to the same benefit; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Service matters, including pensionary benefits for the bank officers, are decided on the basis of an understanding reached between the Indian Banks' Association representing the banks' managements/Government and the representative officers Associations. In the recently concluded understanding the bank officers have agreed to continue the G.P.F. and gratuity as their pensionary benefits.

Irregularities in State Bank of Indore branches in Calcutta

3111.SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of State Bank of Indore in Calcutta;

(b) whether these branches had given the facilities of advances to some firms through letter of credit during 1987, 1988 and up to July 1989;

(c) if so, what are the branch-wise and year-wise details thereof including amount involved therein;

(d) whether any irregularities came to light in advances;

(e) whether these advances have been recoverd; if not, rasons thereof; and

(f) the action taken against guilty officers/employees in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) State Bank of Indore have reported that at present three branches of their bank are functioning in Calcutta.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) State Bank of Indore have reported that there are no outstandings against letters of credit (LCs) opened during 1987 and 1988. However, at two branches of Calcutta i.e. Brabourne Road and Cotton Street irregularities have been detected during the current half